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SUB: TRANSHIPMENT OF CRUDE THROUGH ROTTERDAM TO BELGIUM

REF: A) THE HAGUE 5646; (B) JIDDA 5791

1. REOPENING OF ROTTERDAM-ANTWERP PETROLEUM PIPELINE FOR
TRANSHIPMENT OF ARAB ORIGIN PETROLEUM APPEARS NOW TO BE
AN ESTABLISHED FACT (ALTHOUGH LOCAL SOURCES UNCERTAIN
WHETHER SHIPMENTS OF ARAB CRUDE HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN PUT
INTO PIPELINE *S OF THIS DATE). REOPENING HAS BEEN
ARRANGED IN ALMOST INFORMAL MANNER AND NOT BY MEANS OF
GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS.

2. BELGIAN FONMIN DIRECTOR MID-EAST DEPASSE SAYS THAT
GOB "UNDERSTANDS" THAT PIPELINE IS NOW OPEN TO ARAB
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CRUDE ALTHOUGH IT HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY WRITTEN NOTICE

TO THAT EFFECT. THROUGH MEDIUM OF BELGIAN PETROLEUM COMPANIES GOB HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT NOW AUTHORIZES SHIPMENTS TO BELGIUM THROUGH PIPELINE. CONTROL OF SUCH SHIPMENTS TO BE PROVIDED A POSTERIORI, BY MEANS OF COMPANY DOCUMENTS CERTIFIED BY GOB, TO BE SENT ON REGULAR BASIS TO ARAMCO FOR INSPECTION BY SAG.

3. DEPASSE EMPHASIZED THAT THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE ONLY WITH SAUDI ARABIA. HE COMMENTED THAT BELGIAN REP IN KUWAIT RECENTLY REPORTED RUMOR THAT KUWAITIS WERE ASKING DUTCH FOR FORMAL COMMITMENT "WHICH COULD POSE PROBLEMS". DEPASSE HAD NO INFORMATION ON OTHER ARAB PRODUCERS' ATTITUDE TOWARDS USE OF ROTTERDAM PIPELINE. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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